

Ranger Programs





During your visit the National Park Service encourages you to participate in the programs listed below. All programs are free. We hope that learning more about Grand Canyon National Park and its resources will lead to a greater

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Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Fossil Walk: Remnant Impressions 				
Walk among brachiopods, sponges, and other marine creatures that thrived on this part of the continent 270 million years ago, before the age of the dinosaurs. This easy ½-mile (0.8 km) one-way walk explores an exposed fossil bed along the rim. Parking may be limited; park in Lots C, D, or E or ride the free Village Route shuttle to the Bright Angel Lodge stop. An alternative activity will be offered during inclement weather. No programs May 3–5.	Patio on rim side of Bright Angel Lodge	9:00 a.m.	1 hour	Daily No programs May 3–5
Colorado River Talk  				
Enjoy the grandeur and power of the Colorado River as you explore and discuss the river’s role in Grand Canyon. Program may include a short walk on a paved path. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop. No programs May 3–5.	Bicycle rack outside Yavapai Observation Station	10:00 a.m.	30 – 45 minutes	Daily No programs May 3–5
Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology Talk  				
Why is the Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here in the world? Come learn how Grand Canyon was formed. Program may include a short walk on a paved path. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the visitor center by the free Village Route shuttle bus or drive to the nearby parking lots.	Grand Canyon Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	10:30 a.m.	30 – 45 minutes	Daily
The Human Story  				
For thousands of years, humans have been part of Grand Canyon. Join park staff outside of Verkamp’s Visitor Center to take a look at the history of the South Rim area. Programs may include a walk around the village historic district or a talk inside if the weather is poor. Parking in the nearby lot may be limited. Ride the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Train Depot stop or park in Lot D. No programs May 3–5.	Verkamp’s Visitor Center front porch	10:30 a.m.	30 –45 minutes	Daily No programs May 3–5
Nature Walk or Talk  				
Learn more about the complexity and diversity of nature with a short hike along the rim. Talk will be presented inside during inclement weather. Topics vary and may include animals and plants adapting to changing seasons, human impact on nature, rare and endangered species, or Native American use of plants and animals. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop. No programs May 3–5.	Bicycle rack outside Yavapai Observation Station	1:30 p.m.	45–60 minutes	Daily No programs May 3–5
Rim Walk or Talk  				
Grand Canyon abounds with fascinating stories of history, geology and ecology. Enjoy an intriguing walk with a park ranger exploring the canyon’s natural and cultural history. This is an easy ½-mile (0.8-km) walk on a paved trail. Activity will be moved indoors during inclement weather. Parking may be limited; consider parking at Lots C or D or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Train Depot stop. No programs May 3–5.	Verkamp’s Visitor Center front porch	2:30 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily No programs May 3–5
Condor Talk: Wings over the Canyon  				
What highly endangered bird with a 9-foot wingspan is often spotted at Grand Canyon? The California condor! Learn about these majestic birds and their reintroduction in northern Arizona in a talk on the canyon’s rim. Parking is limited; consider parking at Lots C or D or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Bright Angel Lodge stop. No programs May 3–5.	In front of Lookout Studio near Bright Angel Lodge (You may have to use stairs to arrive at the program site.)	3:00 p.m.	30–45 minutes	Daily No programs May 3–5
Geo-Glimpse Talk  				
Enjoy the geology exhibits at Yavapai Observation Station and explore a selected aspect of the canyon’s geology during these short talks. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop.	Inside Yavapai Observation Station	3:00 p.m.	20 minutes	Daily

appreciation of your national park. Some programs are cancelled May 3–5 to allow our rangers to attend training.





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Evening Program  				
The perfect way to end your day at Grand Canyon! Enjoy an illustrated ranger presentation on the canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. For this evening's topic check the schedules posted around the park. Arrive by riding the free Village Shuttle bus to the Shrine of the Ages stop or park in Lot A. No programs May 12 and 19	Shrine of the Ages auditorium	March–April 7:30 p.m. May 8:00 p.m.	1 hour	Daily No programs May 12 and 19
Full Moon Walks and Star Talks  				
During nights around the full moon and new moon, rangers may offer moon walks and star talks at Yavapai Point. Check bulletin boards at the visitor centers and campgrounds to see if these events are scheduled.	Yavapai Point	Inquire at park visitor centers for times	1 hour	See page 5 for moon phase dates
Additional Programs				
As staffing permits, rangers will offer additional programs which may include Fossil Walks, Kolb Studio Tours, Condor Programs, and others as staffing is available. Look for signs in the Village area or at the visitor centers to confirm times and availability.	Locations vary	Varies	Varies	Varies




Desert View and Tusayan Museum

Glimpses of the Past   				
Have you ever wondered how people found food, water and shelter in the desert Southwest 800 years ago? Join a ranger to explore the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village. Envision a thriving community in this harsh and demanding environment. This activity entails a journey on a 0.1 mile (0.2 km) flat, paved trail.	Tusayan Museum , 3 miles (5 km) west of Desert View	11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.	30–45 minutes	Daily

Inside the Canyon You must hike or ride the mules to these locations.

Indian Garden  				
These programs begin March 5.				
Rangers present programs in the Indian Garden Campground over weekends as staffing permits. Check the bulletin board in the campground for times and topics. Programs begin March 5. No programs May 2 and 6.	Indian Garden on the Bright Angel Trail.	As posted	Varies	Friday– Sunday as staffing permits
Phantom Ranch  				
These programs begin March 5.				
Programs are given daily at Phantom Ranch, reachable only by hiking or riding the mules to the bottom of the canyon. Talks cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. Upon arrival, check the Bright Angel Campground bulletin board or the Phantom Ranch Canteen for program locations and subjects. Programs begin March 5. No programs May 2–6.	Phantom Ranch	4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	45–60 minutes	Daily

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

-  All outdoor programs may be cancelled in inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.
-  These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs are available for loan during the day at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza.
-  These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger badge. Any ranger program, however, may serve the requirement on page 2 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.